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1. Effective 1 November 1954, the publication of the Illustrierte Rundschau was discontinued. The discontinuation of this illustrated supplement to the Taegliche Rundschau has not been explained publicly; it is assumed that it was done for financial reasons. The Soviet editor of the Illustrierte Rundschau, Nemchinov (fnu), was transferred to the staff of the Taegliche Rundschau with the official title of "assistant editor-in-chief". The German staff, including "Kunstpapst" Prof. Magritz (fnu), has been summarily dismissed. 25X1
2. Another Soviet German-language publication, Die Neue Welt (to some extent, a Soviet-sponsored counterpart of Der Monat with more emphasis on purely Soviet authors in German translation), also edited by a mixed Soviet-German group attached to the Taegliche Rundschau, was scheduled for discontinuation as of 1 January 1955. 25X1
3. The discontinuation of the two above-listed publications has given rise to rumors about a possible dissolution of the Taegliche Rundschau itself. However, as of this date, there are no indications that this organ of the Soviets in East Germany will be discontinued. There are persistent rumors that the Soviets will withdraw their personnel and turn the newspaper over to a strictly German agency. However, as of early December, no Soviet or German editor has made any statement which might indicate that the paper will be either discontinued or turned over to German control. No personnel movement within the Soviet or German group has been observed, and no dismissal notices have been served to the minor German personnel. Individual Soviet editors seem to be preparing their suggestions for the "monthly plan" for January 1955 which they have to submit to the Soviet editor-in-chief not later

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than 24 December 1954. Judging from these points it is believed that no changes are scheduled for either December or January.

4. A budget and organizational discussion which took place on 20 November dealt with the proposed budget and re-organization of several sections and the possible fusion of the Economic Section with the Agricultural Section. Allegedly, any changes to be made will go into effect only in the Spring of 1955.
5. As of early December, the Soviet editor-in-chief, Sokolov (fnu) had three Soviet deputies (Pestov (fnu), Bernikov (fnu), and Nemchinov) and one German deputy (Grandi). The Redaktionskollegium (editorial board) which determines and implements the policies of the paper - or rather implements the directives passed by the Soviet editor-in-chief, - has 22 members. They are:
 - a. Russians: Sokolov (fnu), editor-in chief
 Pestov (fnu), deputy editor-in-chief
 Bernikov (fnu), deputy editor-in-chief
 Nemchinov (fnu), deputy editor-in-chief
 Nikolayev (fnu), editor of the All German Section
 Suldin (fnu), editor of the Foreign Relations Section
 Gurev (fnu), editor of the Soviet Section
 Raichkov (fnu), editor of the Economic Section
 Karpilanski (fnu), editor of the Agricultural Section
 Ivanov (fnu), editor of the Theory Section
 Kubarieva (fnu), managing editor
 - b. Germans: Grandi, Theo, deputy editor-in-chief
 Schulze, Theodor, editor, All-German Section
 Philipp, H.X., German editor, Foreign Relations Section
 Aust, H.W., German editor, Economic Section
 Rueckmann (fnu), editor, Soviet Section (sic)
 Theuerkauf, Herbert, editor, Culture Section
 Gladwitz, Richard, precise function unknown
 Leschnitzer (fnu), chief of the mail section
 Reinhardt, Rudolf, managing editor
 Drews (fnu), managing editor
 Laukant (fnu), managing editor
6. The Redaktionskollegium holds brief daily meetings and a longer weekly meeting on Fridays. The discussions concern mostly modifications of the plan and editorial revisions of individual articles. Questions of policy are not debated frequently. Nevertheless, these meetings formally symbolize "the rule by committee" which reflects the larger Soviet attitude. Actually, however, all major decisions are handed down by the editor-in-chief who receives his instructions from the Soviet Embassy.
7. Among the German personnel, Grandi remains undoubtedly the most influential personality in the paper. It is generally assumed that his standing with the Central Committee of the SED is very good and that he is the best informed editor in respect to Soviet intentions and to the wishes of the Central Committee of SED. He writes very little at present. Apparently, most of his work consists in coordinating

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Soviet directives with the propaganda of the SED.

8. Next in line of influence is Schulze, who currently is on good personal terms with Grandi. Through he is not a Party member, he is considered one of the best newspapermen.
9. Philipp also remains influential, though he is becoming less and less active in attendance of Party meetings. Recently, there was a question of sending a correspondent of the Taegliche Rundschau to Viet Minh. Philipp allegedly applied for the job, but was rejected by Sokolov, the Soviet editor-in-chief, since he had spent his vacations in a "capitalist country" [redacted] Stuhlmann (fmu), another editor of the Foreign Relations Section, was selected for the job and left on 10 November 1954. The assignment allegedly was to last for three months.
10. Aust, the German editor of the Economic Section, was in the USSR either in October or November of 1954, primarily for the inspection of the "Agricultural Fair". He is one of the few editors who have been traveling rather widely [redacted] (USSR, etc.) on assignments. Politically, he is considered a "neutral" and not an SED activist.

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